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Unlike other crops like tomatoes, straw berries, and fruit trees like mangoes, jack fruits where pruning is highly important, in pepper it a low yielding practice.

For high production of the crop, sow seeds, attend to seedlings, harden them off and plant them and after 6 weeks from planting or 2 weeks after replanting, clip off 1-2 nodes. Eliminate top node for plant to create new nodes below the cut.

Crop management

As apical meristems produce auxins that regulate lower branches to grow vertically, remove the leading shoot to remove the upward suppression. Clipping pepper cause them to bush more producing more branches and more foliage.

Similarly, pruned plants harvest first with small fruit, produce more foliage, flowers and pruning of peppers is not only beneficial in terms of pepper production but also decrease the production.

Finally, there is need to skip all the pruning process entirely.